

GOPHER'S VICTIM DIED ACCORDING TO CODE OF THE GANG

Joe Larkin, Shot at Dance,
Refused to Tell Police
Who Held the Pistol.

WILD PANIC IN HALL.

Girls Run Screaming to Street
and the Gangsters Quickly
Disappear.

The Larkin died in the New York Hospital this morning and he died true to the code of the Gopher Gang. With a bullet hole in his head and another in his abdomen he had remained in a semi-conscious condition for hours while detectives from the West Thirty-seventh Street Station leaned over him and tried to catch a word that might lead to the man, or men, who shot him. Occasionally a glimmer of consciousness came to Larkin and the detectives would press the old question: "Who shot you?" "Who?" "Don't," was the only response that came from the wounded man and at the same time he added: "I'll get square."

Outside the ward two weeping women, sisters of the dying man, were being pressed into their service. "Tell them who shot you, Joe," they said, but even to them Larkin returned a silent "No." Finally he fell into the last period of unconsciousness and at 4 o'clock he died. According to the gang he had been game to the end.

SHOOTING WILL BE ANOTHER SHOOTING LIKE LARKIN'S.

Somewhere and at some future time, perhaps not so far away, there will be another shooting. It will be like Larkin's and in revenge for the killing of Larkin. The gunmen may make their getaway, as they did last night, only to find themselves on the watch long afterwards for the bullet that is in them is the silent one. And so it will go. Shooting will follow shooting and knife thrust follow knife thrust. If any ground is marked for the prophecy the records of the past side police stations will furnish the evidence. In the past four years.

The killing of Larkin was the "feud" that night of the benefit tendered to Larkin's brother Tom, who lives at No. 11 Ninth avenue. Tom Larkin had been "looked out." Therefore a benefit was given. Friends formed themselves into an association and placards along the west side from Twenty-fourth street to the East River announced that the Tom Larkin benefit would be given last night at Cunningham's Hall, Ninth avenue and Thirty-sixth street; "tickets 25 cents, including hot check."

Cunningham Hall is on the northwest corner of the avenue and street, and is so called because the lessee is P. J. Cunningham. He has a saloon a few doors down the block. It is one of two halls on the third floor of the building, and while the dance at which Larkin met his last night was going on in one hall an Italian wedding party was making merry in the other.

PROBLEMS OF PEACE HUNG ON THE FOUR WALLS.

The hall is usually devoted to lodge meetings. On off nights "Associations" are held. Around the hall when the Larkin dance took place last night were the emblems of many Bignos. The promoters of America meet there. In the rear is a baseball pennant that some lodge had won. Another banner bears the inscription, "Virtue, Liberty, Independence," and in the center of the western wall is hung the portrait of an amiable, elderly lady garbed in the robes of some office. Altogether the surroundings proclaim peace, but the Gophers have no eye for them.

To the Larkin benefit the clans came dropping. In this coterie the fellow seemed to be the Larkin. The dancing was at the ball and the question of "who's who and whose's" is settled when they meet for the first dance. Then, for the most part, anybody may take anybody else's girl until the time for the "kiss" comes. The pairing is then done, no matter what intimacies may have crept up in the meantime.

New with the Gophers it is all the same, whether at a wedding, a christening or a benefit. The old grudges will arise, the jealousy over the girl who makes some one see red when the new has loved freely and then is seen to come the knife or the gun. Old West looks look on these things contemptuously. They recall the old Hall's thirteen days when the code for settling a dispute simply called for a hot fight up a dark alley or down on the dock. The latter day methods distinguish them and they are free to say as a printed veteran of the district said today to an Evening World reporter:

"These kids nowadays think they are bloods. They won't work and they go around in gangs. Most of them carry guns. They will hold up a delicious man or a woman and if it doesn't suit them they will shoot up the place. They don't fight fair. It's never a man to man battle with them. It's always three or four against the man they want to do up and when they go to him they finish him for good mostly."

FELLOWS AND GIRLS WERE AT THE DANCE EARLY.

Of this class were many who went to the Larkin dance. Many of them went early, the girls in advance of the men. It was to be a big "beer night" in the hall, and the boys were ready. So the stream of entering guests began. As is usual at such a party, the girls advanced to the bar to get a drink. The gang

descended on the Italian wedding party next door. It was all that Cunningham and his waiters could do to push them back again and the wedding guests went on with their laughter and song. To the hall early in the evening Joe Larkin had come. Noisy at the start he gradually developed rough-house methods until when 10:30 o'clock came, Larkin was ready for anything. It needed only the spark to set his mind aflame and it came when across the hall he saw a Gopher dancing with a girl he wanted.

Larkin lurched across the slippery floor, with a scowl on his face and fists clenched. He grabbed the Gopher by the shoulder and snarled: "Dis loidy belong to me."

"Gwan, y' boob," retorted the other and he pushed Larkin back. Larkin sprang on the floor and some of the swirling dancers nearly fell over him. For the minute he was the butt of the fun and this further enraged him. Again he sprang forward for the Gopher and the girl he claimed as his own. This time it was no mere push that followed. There was some scuffling, a few blows being hitting enough for the time being, was rustled off by the waiters to take a seat on the side lines. Here he waited grim and silent until the dance ended. Then he walked over to the main room, considered his most bitter enemy in all the world and invited him outside to settle things.

POLICE FAIL TO LEARN THE DETAILS OF SHOOTING.

The details of what then happened are what the police are trying to find out. As the police officers reached the door there was a general closing in on them. And then the shooting began.

The number of the shots fired is not known. There were at least three, and William Henry Harrison named after Old Tippecanoe—the janitor of the building—says he heard several from where he stood on the floor below.

There is no question about one thing, and that was that with the first shot Larkin went to the floor and the gang was on him. Some one pulled a knife and ripped him crosswise on the face. In he hall the merriment of a few moments before was turned into a panic. The girls flew, hatless and coatless, to the stairway. Many of them had to jump over the prostrate form of Larkin as they fled to the entrance to the hall. The Gophers scurried for their burrows down the side stairs between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

When Policeman Matthew Gilligan got to the hall it was pretty well emptied. Surely all the dead-in-the-wool Gophers had gone. The policeman questioned those about him. "Don't know nothin' about it," was the tenor of the general response. "Dis guy here got shot wid a fellow what he spelt 'L' wid a skot and he gave him 'L'." Gilligan telephoned for an ambulance, and while it was on the way kept plying his questions. But no one knew. He was as much up against it as if the shooting had occurred in the Chinatown district or in Mulberry Bend.

As for Larkin, he was still conscious, but would not say what happened. He was on a bench, with an old boxing glove for a pillow. Then the ambulance came and took him away.

DIX TO WAIT A MONTH FOR DOTY'S DEFENSE.

Will Not Act on Bulger Report
Till Quarantine Officer Gets
a Hearing.

Friends and foes of Dr. A. H. Doty, Health Officer of the Port of New York, are lining up for the final fight. Commissioner Charles H. Bulger has recommended that Dr. Doty be removed, but Gov. Dix announces he will wait a month, during which time adherents of Dr. Doty can present arguments for him. George Gordon Battis, counsel for Dr. Doty, sent Gov. Dix a brief to-day, claiming the support of such men as Dr. E. W. Brannen, Dr. William M. Polk, president of the Academy of Medicine; Dr. Simon Flexner, Dr. A. Jacoby and others. He also charges animosity behind the Bulger report and contends that the findings are unsupported by the evidence.

"We are very well satisfied," says Dr. Brannen, who is the President of the Allied Medical Societies, "Dr. Dix assures us that Dr. Doty will not be removed until we have had a full hearing. Some definite action will be taken Wednesday which we believe will settle this matter for all time."

ACCUSES SON-IN-LAW.

He is Arrested and His Wife Detained.

Arthur Walker of No. 84 Georgia avenue, East New York, was held to-day under a bond of \$5,000 for examination Friday upon the charge of forgery. The complainant is Morris Dorn, Walker's father-in-law. Dorn, who lives at No. 618 Hopkinson avenue, said that his son-in-law had been employed as a bookkeeper and that he had misused several thousand dollars during the last few years. Detectives employed by Dorn saw Walker cash two checks, one for \$100 and one for \$50, and caused his arrest. The detective were not able to find Walker for a week after discovering the checks, but they watched his wife and when she went to a corner drug store to telephone for the number of the other station until Walker came around again.

Mrs. Walker appeared in the New Jersey avenue police court to-day and declined to speak to her father. She arranged for bail for her husband.

OVER A PIT OF FIRE MEN HANG TILL SAVED.

Fire started last night in the cellar of the millinery store of Samuel Nicht-hausner at No. 514 Main street, Paterson.

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As they were swinging their axes the floor gave way and they shot downward toward the flames. As they went through, however, they caught hold of beams. They hung on until rescued by companions. A dozen men entered the store and, despite the dangerous condition of the floor, a great part of which had caved in, they reached the imperiled men and dragged them out. Walls was severely burned and bruised. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. Roach and Sweeney were only slightly hurt and insisted on remaining at work. Several other firemen were overcome by smoke, but were revived. The origin of the fire is being investigated.

"UNCLE JIM" A PIPE DREAM.

Northern Pacific Railroad officials in New York are shy of information regarding one "Uncle Jim Rowan," whose thirty-two years of faithful service as a trackworker were reported to have brought him the unexpected reward of a trip to Ireland at the expense of the railroad.

It was a pathetic story as it came over the wire this morning. All the morning papers wept over it. "Uncle Jim," however, failed to appear at the office and get his free trip, as per arrangement.

The stenographer at the Northern Pacific offices remarked on hearing the story: "Nothing doing, kiddo. Gee, if the railroad ever did a thing like that we'd all drop dead."

Proved on American Tourists.
COLOGNE, Germany, Dec. 11.—A sen-

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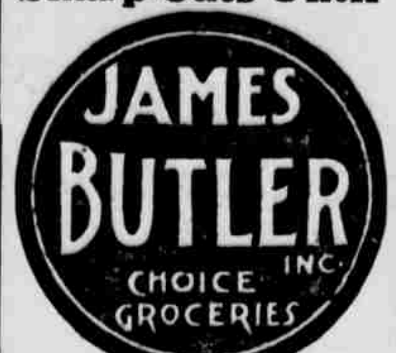
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